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**SUBJECT: FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN**

**FILE NUMBER: 92-2810 SECTION 7**

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TITLE OF CASE <b>FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Aka; EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., Aka</b>		Report made by <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	Typed By <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b> <i>b7c</i>	

Synopsis:

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Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/17/61 at Springfield.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

(1) Will continue development of information re WORTMAN and associates through investigation, sources, and informants.

(2) Will maintain close liaison with appropriate officials [REDACTED] re murder investigation of JULIAN AVILA. Will immediately advise any indication that WORTMAN or associates involved in the killing and assault on AVILA. In the event any information developed through St. Louis Division sources which might assist in this investigation and tie WORTMAN organization into the killing, will consider appropriate dissemination to St. Louis authorities.

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It is noted that all leads in the Springfield Division are being handled on a current basis and are not being set forth specifically herein.

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Title: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;  
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;  
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Information re various associates and contacts set forth.  
JULIAN AVILA

AVILA refused to discuss assault on him with agents. AVILA slain by unknown assailant 4/20/61. Information developed that policy operation again functional.

WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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BACKGROUND AND PERSONAL HISTORY

DETAILS:

As has previously been reported, the 1959 Plymouth Station Wagon, bearing 1961 Tennessee license, observed as reading [REDACTED] was observed at the residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, RFD, Collinsville, Illinois on February 28, 1961.

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ACTIVITIES AT WORTMAN'S MOAT RESIDENCE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4-18-61

Observation of the "moat" residence of FRANK L. WORTMAN began at 9:30 AM and the following cars were present:

Ford 2-door hardtop recognized as the property of the Negro handyman;  
1957 blue and white Plymouth 2-door hardtop recognized as the property of SYLVIA WORTMAN;  
1953 Chevrolet pickup truck recognized as the property of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN.

In addition, a red Volkswagen, probably a 1961, bearing white on red license plates similar to 1961 Illinois plates, was parked near the old barn on the WORTMAN premises. There was no apparent activity at the building site on the premises.

At 10:38 AM, a woman resembling SYLVIA WORTMAN departed in the blue and white 1957 Plymouth in a northerly direction.

At 11:55 AM, the Volkswagen departed; however, the driver was not observed.

At 12:06 PM, a woman resembling SYLVIA WORTMAN returned to the residence driving the 1957 blue and white Plymouth and the Negro handyman came from the house and assisted her in carrying grocery bags into the house.

At 12:20 PM, a 1959 black Rambler stationwagon, resembling a vehicle operated by [REDACTED] arrived at the residence. The driver resembled [REDACTED] and the passenger was a white male, about 6' tall, bald on top, wearing a brown fingertip length jacket. *b7c*

At 1:21 PM, the above two men departed in the black 1959 Rambler stationwagon.

At 2:16 PM, a 1961 blue Chevrolet 4-door, resembling the car operated by WORTMAN'S associates, arrived, occupied by one white man, about 5'11" in height, wearing a brown jacket and brown hat. This man walked right into the house without knocking.

At 2:22 PM, a 1960 blue Pontiac, two-door hardtop, with white-walled tires and rear wheel covers and a yellow on black license plate in the rear arrived. The driver, a white male, appeared to be in his early twenties about 5'5"; the passenger was taller,

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about 5'10" and about 30 years old. Both were wearing jeans and blue and white plaid shirts. They took two fishing rods and a tackle box from the automobile and walked towards the boat dock area.

At 3:04 PM, the 1961 blue Chevrolet and the same occupants departed in a southerly direction.

At 4:00 PM, observations were discontinued.



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Date April 18, 1961

At 10:15 AM a 1959 or 1960 white Oldsmobile, four door, bearing 1960 Missouri license [REDACTED] was observed at the site of the former single operation of the WORTMAN Organization, 6503 St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. The driver of this car, a white male, was observed unlocking the gate to the property.

It is noted that Missouri license [REDACTED] is registered to [REDACTED] b7c

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Date April 18, 1961

Observation of FRANK L. WORTMAN's most residence was begun at 10:45 AM, at which time the following vehicles were observed parked near the house:

1958 Ford, green and white in color, recognized as the car of WORTMAN's Negro handyman

1953 Chevrolet pickup truck recognized as FRANK WORTMAN's pickup truck.

At 12:42 PM a 1959 black Rambler Station Wagon, similar to the station wagon customarily operated by [REDACTED] was observed to arrive at WORTMAN's most residence. The driver of this vehicle resembled [REDACTED] and the passenger was observed to be a white male, 6', 40-50 years of age, bald on top, brown hair on sides and back of head, wearing a grey suit and carrying a package or brief case. b7c

At 1:26 PM the above two men were observed to depart in the 1959 Rambler Station Wagon.

At 2:17 PM a 1961 blue Chevrolet, four door, was observed to arrive at WORTMAN's residence. As this car proceeded up WORTMAN's lane, an individual recognized as FRANK L. WORTMAN, came from the house and sat on a planter. When the car arrived at the house, the two occupants followed WORTMAN into the breeze way door. WORTMAN was wearing dark slacks and a brown sport shirt. The occupants of the car were white males, 35-45 years of age, approximately 5'9", stocky builds, each wearing dark suits and hats.

At 2:54 PM the 1961 Chevrolet was observed to depart with the same two occupants.

At 3:11 PM WORTMAN's Negro handyman was observed to depart in his 1958 Ford.

At 3:20 PM FRANK WORTMAN was observed sitting on the planter at the house, apparently eating something.

At 3:26 PM WORTMAN was observed to return to the house.

At 3:45 PM the Negro handyman was observed returning to the

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house in his 1958 Ford and it was noted that he was accompanied by a young boy recognized as WORTMAN's son.

Observation of WORTMAN's most residence was discontinued at 4:00 PM.

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Date April 25, 1961

Observation of FRANK L. WORTMAN's most residence was begun at 11:30 AM at which time the following vehicles were observed:

1957 blue and white Plymouth, two door, recognized as SYLVIA WORTMAN's car.

1958 gray Imperial, recognized as FRANK L. WORTMAN's vehicle.

1956 white over light green Chrysler two-door.

The above vehicles were parked at WORTMAN's residence. It was also observed that the following vehicles were parked at the construction site on WORTMAN's property:

1953 green Chevrolet pickup truck, recognized as FRANK WORTMAN's pickup truck.

1954 white over light blue Chevrolet.

At 11:31 AM, an individual recognized as SYLVIA WORTMAN was observed to drive the 1957 Plymouth to the vicinity of the building site and then return to the house at 11:34 AM.

At 11:52 AM, a green Chevrolet pickup truck was observed to drive from the building site to the residence, where five men got out of this truck and walked to the east side of WORTMAN's island.

At 11:54 AM, these men walked to the west side of the island and then at 11:59 AM, the five men walked to the house and entered.

At 12:24 PM, the five men were observed to come out of the house, enter the pickup truck, and return to the building site.

At 1:16 PM, an individual resembling FRANK WORTMAN was observed to come from the house and stand near SYLVIA's 1957

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Plymouth. An individual recognized as SYLVIA WORTMAN was observed to come from the house and talk for several seconds to this man. SYLVIA WORTMAN then returned to the house and the man drove the 1957 Plymouth to the vicinity of the construction site, where the car and occupant went out of sight. The car was not observed to leave the property.

At 1:45 PM, SYLVIA WORTMAN was observed to enter the Imperial and drive to the bridge and then back up to the original parking place. She then re-entered the house.

At 1:46 PM, an individual recognized as FRANK L. WORTMAN was observed to back across the bridge in SYLVIA's 1957 Plymouth, which he parked in front of the door. WORTMAN entered the house.

At 2:00 PM, SYLVIA WORTMAN was observed departing in the 1957 Plymouth.

At 2:37 PM, a 1959 black Ford Galaxie was observed to arrive at WORTMAN's property. This vehicle stopped briefly at the construction site where a man in a sweat shirt talked to the driver of the Galaxie who remained in the car. The Ford Galaxie then proceeded to the house, where the driver was observed to be a dark-skinned male, possibly Negro, age 50 to 60 years, dark hair, quite gray at temples, wearing heavy-rimmed glasses, tan sport shirt. This individual was approximately 5'9" to 5'10" and had a stout build. He entered the house by the breezeway door.

At 2:49 PM, a 1958 white over blue Chevrolet sedan with whitewalls was observed to drive up to WORTMAN's residence. The driver was a white male, approximately 5'8", dark hair, stout build, (large paunch) wearing a dark blue suit coat or jacket and a white open-neck shirt. This individual carried a small gray drawstring cloth or canvas bag into the house and then returned to the car and opened the trunk. He was observed to take what appeared to be a beer barrel from the trunk of the car and roll this towards the garage. He then took a tire from the trunk of the car and rolled it in the same direction. This man then returned to the house.

At 2:53 PM, a 1959 Galaxie departed with the same occupant. The car stopped at the construction site and the occupant got out of the car and spoke to the workers for several minutes before proceeding in the direction of Hollywood Heights.

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At 3:09 PM, the 1958 Chevrolet was observed to depart with the same occupants. This car proceeded in the direction of Hollywood Heights.

At 3:17 PM, the pickup truck arrived at the house. The occupant of the truck was not noted.

At 3:41 PM, SYLVIA WORTMAN returned to the house in the 1957 Plymouth, accompanied by a young boy recognized as WORTMAN's son.

Observation of WORTMAN's most residence was discontinued at 3:45 PM.

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Date April 20, 1961

On April 17, 1961, at approximately 2:03 PM a 1953 white over blue Oldsmobile bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] was observed at the Phillips 66 station located on Highway #3. At the time it was observed there were four individuals getting into the car and it was noted that the driver was [REDACTED] b7C

It was determined this license is issued to [REDACTED] on a 1953 Oldsmobile.

Shortly thereafter this car was noted to be at Seventh and St. Louis Avenue in East St. Louis, Illinois. A check was made of the Paddock Lounge parking lot shortly thereafter to determine if the car had been parked there and at that time ELMER DOWLING and EDWARD WORTMAN were observed walking toward the parking lot in conversation with each other and each one was observed getting into their own automobile. WORTMAN got into his 1961 off-white Cadillac bearing 1961 Illinois license 197234 and DOWLING got into his white 1961 Thunderbird bearing 1961 Illinois license 197235.

DOWLING and WORTMAN were observed at approximately 3:14 PM.

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D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

1. Miscellaneous

The following information was furnished by St. Louis communication dated April 21, 1961:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It is to be noted that on January 21, 1961, the safe at the Plaza Amusement Company, 1912 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, was taken from that establishment in a burglary.

[REDACTED]

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The Plaza Amusement Company is noted to be operated by EDWARD WORTMAN brother of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN.

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AVILA resides at 3311 North Ninth Street, with his wife and three children.

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JULIAN "TEX" AVILA was slain by an unknown assailant in his establishment on the night of April 20, 1961.

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2. Gambling

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The following businesses are primarily in Negro districts in East St. Louis and are considered as pick-up places for the policy operation of the WORTMAN organization and are described as "station houses":

Ringside Barbecue Restaurant  
1400 Block Broadway  
East St. Louis, Illinois

Wagon Wheel Tavern  
Madison County, Illinois, area  
off of Route 67 prior to going into  
Madison on Route 67.

Tee's Lounge  
1209 South 19th Street  
East St. Louis, Illinois  
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Ruby's Lounge  
926 South 15th Street  
East St. Louis, Illinois

Pete's Cafe  
200 block South Broadway  
East St. Louis, Illinois

Brown Bomber Tavern  
in an area known as Goose Hill at  
Third and Exchange, East St. Louis, Illinois.

Joe's Last Chance Tavern  
St. Clair Avenue  
East St. Louis, Illinois

34 Club  
34 St. Clair Avenue  
East St. Louis, Illinois

Clair's Rendezvous  
6th and Trendley  
East St. Louis, Illinois

A station house also located at 43rd and Piggott  
Streets, East St. Louis, exact address unknown.



Date April 21, 1961

Observation was made of the area in Levejoy, Illinois, in the vicinity of 204 Rear Madison Street, Levejoy, Illinois. A Negro male was observed to enter the rear door of this address at 1:08 p.m. This individual was observed to be carrying a small brown satchel-type bag and appeared to be approximately 35 to 40 years of age, 6'1" - 6'2", medium to slender build, and dark complexioned. At 1:12 p.m. a Negro female was observed to enter this same door. She was carrying a small brown satchel-type bag. She would appear to be approximately 30 years of age, 5'4" - 5'5", complexion medium to dark, medium build.

A number of automobiles were parked in the area surrounding the above address and the following license numbers were obtained:

1961 Illinois [redacted] on a white 1960 Chevrolet sedan;

1961 Illinois [redacted]

1961 Illinois [redacted]

1961 Illinois [redacted]

1961 Illinois [redacted]

1961 Illinois [redacted] on a white 1960 Oldsmobile.

Also obtained was a 1961 Missouri license [redacted] which was affixed to a 1958 Ford convertible, yellow in color with a white top. Radio contact with the St. Louis Office has determined that the Missouri license is issued to [redacted] on a 1957 Pontiac.

No automobile which would appear to be that of [redacted] was observed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. SI 92-112

Springfield, Illinois  
May 1, 1961

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka;  
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, Aka;  
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., Aka  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of SA [REDACTED] b7C  
dated and captioned as above.

It is noted that [REDACTED] has furnished reliable informa- b2  
tion in the past. [REDACTED] have not been con- b7D  
tacted sufficiently to determine whether or not they are  
furnishing reliable information.

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Date: 5-1-61

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;  
Et Al  
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DAILY AIRTEL

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Special Agent in Charge  
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East St. Louis press on 4-28-61 carried article that Sheriff RING and States Attorney JOHN M. KARNES, Jr., St. Clair County, have agreed to a modification of their bingo band and were going to permit bingo sponsored by local churches and civic organizations; but stated that "illegal flavor" was added when buses transport patrons from one city to another to participate in cash bingo games. It is noted that when WORTMAN controlled bingo game closed recently by States Attorney and Sheriff, the top cash prize was \$1300.

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St. Louis will interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] re their knowledge of gambling activities and  
possible informant development. [REDACTED]

THE WORTMANs AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED  
AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY  
ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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Observation of policy headquarters, 205 Madison Avenue, Brooklyn, Illinois, this date, detected no signs of policy in operation.

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ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED FIREARMS IN THE PAST.

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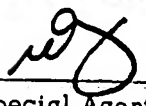
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Policy operation in Braklyn, Illinois, continues to run since several of the same automobiles noted in the area.

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Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka, ETAL  
AR

DAILY AIRTEL

The Indianapolis Office advised on 4-21-61 the officials of the U. S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, advised inmates are not permitted to send or receive correspondence from anyone except approved correspondents; that approved for SAM MAGIN and

Terre Haute's prison records reflect several individuals have sent letters to MAGIN and they have been returned

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Observations by agents of the Oasis Club and the former location of the policy operation both on the outskirts of E. St. Louis, Illinois, on 5-4-61, reflect these places are presently not in operation.

Re Springfield teletype 5-4-61 concerning continuance of WORTMAN'S trial until 10-9-61.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka  
ET AL  
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DAILY AIRTEL

Observations of policy located at Brooklyn,  
Illinois, did not indicate any activity today.

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Approved: *98*

C C Wick Special Agent in Charge

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THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW  
OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAY 4 1961

TELETYPE

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URGENT 5-4-61 6.02 PM-CDST RCR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI 92-2810

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD 92-112

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, AKA, ET AL, ANTI-RACKETEERING. WORTMAN

CASE CONTINUED TODAY UNTIL OCTOBER NINE, NEXT, CONCERNING ALL SIX DEFENDANTS DUE TO ILLNESS OF DEFENDANT GEORGE FRANK OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. ADDITIONAL DETAILS BEING SUBMITTED BY AIRTEL. ST. LOUIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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TO: EX-102 SAC, Springfield

FROM: Director, FBI

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN

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Reurtel 5/4/61 advising Wortman case continued until 10/5/61 due to illness of defendant George Frank.

Inasmuch as investigation in this case has been limited to some extent in anticipation of coming trial, furnish observations and recommendations as to whether all-out intensive investigation should be resumed. Also advise concerning feasibility of installing special coverage.

Furnish Bureau with your observations and recommendations by May 10, 1961.

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To Director, FBI (92-2810)

From SAC, Springfield (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka.

ET AL

ANTI-RACKETEERING

OO: Springfield

DAILY AIRTEL

Auto bearing 1961 Illinois License [redacted] registered to [redacted] observed at policy location Brooklyn, Ill., 5/11 and 12/61. Auto registered to [redacted] believed a WORTMAN associate, observed 5/11/61 with three white males in vicinity of policy location. b7c

Observation of Oasis Supper Club 5/12/61 detected no evidence of crap game operation.

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST. p

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FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)  
SUBJECT FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka  
ET AL  
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DAILY AIRTEL

Observation of the Policy location, Brooklyn, Illinois, detected no indication of activity today.

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN PAST. GIBBONS

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka  
ET AL  
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THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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Re Buairtel, 5-5-61.

Recommendations concerning special coverage  
submitted by separate airtel this date.

I have arranged a conference with the Senior Resident Agent at Belleville, Illinois, and all personnel participating in this investigation. This conference will be held May 11, 1961, at the Belleville RA. My preliminary opinion is that our investigation can be considerably intensified but I will advise the Bureau following this conference of the specific steps we recommend.

Earlier conference not deemed feasible in view of recent death of SA ROYCE R. SHULTZ who was assigned to the Belleville RA and one of the SAs exclusively assigned to this investigation. Death of SA SHULTZ has necessitated absence of SA [redacted] from the Division and otherwise consumed time of RA personnel in handling matters relating to death of SA SHULTZ.

Bureau will be promptly advised after my conference May 11, 1961.

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OO - Springfield

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Spot check, policy location, Brooklyn, Illinois, and  
bingo location, East St. Louis, Illinois, disclosed no indi-  
cation of current activities.

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED  
AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY  
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FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka  
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DAILY AIRTEL

According to local newspaper GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL, associate of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, was arrested by East St. Louis Police Department Officers 5/14/61, during a raid of a card game at Ramon's Lounge, 313 North Ninth Street, East St. Louis. HARVILL was seen to drop a fully loaded automatic pistol on the floor in the back room and was charged with carrying a concealed weapon. He was released on \$500 bail 5/15/61 and is scheduled for hearing before Justice of the Peace CASSIN May 20, 1961, at East St. Louis.

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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ET AL  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

OO: Springfield

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Most stampholders have coin-operated machines and preliminary inquiries indicate most devices of pin ball machine variety. No indication to date that WORTMAN or his organization has any connection with these devices. Further inquiries being made re owners and distributors of these machines.

WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

CC: Wick P.

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2 - St. Louis (92-191)

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)  
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)  
RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka, et al  
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Re Springfield airtel, 5-9-61

Conference held with SRA, Belleville, Illinois,  
as indicated. Recommendations concerning intensification  
of instant investigation follows:

- 3 - Bureau  
1 - St. Louis (Info.)  
2 - Springfield

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In view of the effect of the investigation upon WORTMAN and other considerations, it is recommended that this investigation be intensified at this time. The following specific steps are contemplated:

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
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1. All possible associates of WORTMAN will be interviewed. However, prior to interview of any individual who is known to be a witness in the Internal Revenue case, Special Assistant Attorney JOHN SCHAUER will be notified and given an opportunity to interpose an objection in the event he does not wish a particular witness interviewed by the FBI.

2. Interview of WORTMAN's former wife is contemplated unless objected to by Mr. SCHAUER.

3. The St. Louis Division will be requested to interview all possible individuals known to have been in contact with WORTMAN in any way on the Missouri side of the river. The objective will be threefold: (1) attempt to find some individual who has been threatened by WORTMAN by interstate telephone call; (2) development of further information concerning WORTMAN and his organization; (3) intensify efforts to develop some of these individuals as PCIs and eventually criminal informants for use against WORTMAN and his organization.

4. Activities at "The Moat" will continue to be surveilled from concealed fixed observation point on a spot check or as needed basis.

5. Springfield will accelerate interviewing all persons on the East St. Louis side of the river who are known to have been in contact with WORTMAN or his organization in any way. Purpose of these interviews will be twofold:

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to obtain additional information relative to WORTMAN and his organization and an intensive drive to develop live PCIs and eventually criminal informants for use against the WORTMAN organization.

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FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)  
RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka, et al  
AR

Re attached report of SA [REDACTED] dated  
May 15, 1961, at Springfield.

Please advise as soon as possible whether copy of  
rerep can be furnished to Special Assistant Attorney General  
JOHN SCHAUER at East St. Louis.

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A copy of the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/15/61 should be immediately furnished to Special Assistant Attorney General John Schauer at East St. Louis and the Bureau promptly advised when this has been done.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)  
 FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)  
 RE: JUNE  
 FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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Re Springfield airtels, to Bureau, May 9, 1961, and January 26, 1961, Buairtel to Springfield, March 6, 1961, and telephone call of Assistant Director COURTNEY EVANS to Springfield, March 25, 1961, withdrawing authority to attempt misur installation at WORTMAN's "Moat" residence.

As indicated in Springfield airtel, May 9, 1961, Springfield feels that a possible misur installation at WORTMAN's residence is entirely dependent upon obtaining a period of uninterrupted access. Every effort is being made to assure that the Springfield Office will be in a position to know of such a period of access at which time appropriate recommendations will be made in view of circumstances then prevailing.

It is felt, however, that the WORTMAN investigation presents special considerations which might indicate the desirability of establishing a tesur at the WORTMAN residence. It is noted that Springfield airtel to Director, January 26, 1961, on page 3, made such a recommendation, however, the Bureau did not authorize further consideration of such an investigative technique.

It is pointed out for the Bureau's consideration that WORTMAN spends virtually all of his time at the "Moat" residence. Business which he conducts with his underlings on a personal basis is conducted after he calls them and

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requests their presence at the "Moat". In addition, it is felt that a number of his contacts must be handled by phone. It is believed that information obtainable from a tesur would be highly significant with regard to his activities, plans and contacts as well as providing a source of information which would be reliable with regard to any plans he might have to leave the "Moat" on a trip or vacation for any period of time which could allow access for misur installation.

It is pointed out that WORTMAN has a reputation for violence and strong-arm methods. He has surrounded himself with associates who have backgrounds of criminal violence and who are undoubtedly presently engaged in criminal activities during which they would not stop at any violent means to achieve their ends even including the killing of persons who might stand in their way. Some indication as to WORTMAN's and associates' propensities for violence can be found in the following situations:

1. On January 21, 1961, the Plaza Amusement Company, St. Louis, Missouri, a WORTMAN enterprize, was burglarized and the safe taken. [REDACTED] JULIAN "TEX" AVILA, were arrested by the St. Louis Police as subjects with regard to this burglary. The safe was recovered.

[REDACTED]

JULIAN AVILA was contacted by St. Louis agents on April 10, 1961, and refused to discuss how his leg was injured. He was completely uncooperative.

On April 20, 1961, JULIAN AVILA was slain by an unknown assailant at his place of business in St. Louis.

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While Springfield is not in possession of evidence to link the assault and murder of AVILA with WORTMAN, it is reasonable to presume that the assault of AVILA and his subsequent killing was the result of his involvement in the burglary of the Plaza Amusement Company.

Information concerning this matter is set forth in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated May 1, 1961.

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The above are examples which would indicate that WORTMAN would and has resorted to violence. It is pointed out that WORTMAN's only successful prosecution was in 1934 when he received a 10-year sentence in the Federal Penitentiary for assaulting a Federal officer.

Most of WORTMAN's close associates have extensive criminal records, including crimes of violence. It is believed that installation of a tesur could result in the saving of human life as well as provide valuable intelligence information with regard to WORTMAN's activities.

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Since the installation of misur is totally dependent upon circumstances which the Springfield Office cannot control it is not known when there will be any possibility for such an installation. While Springfield hopes to take advantage of the first safe opportunity and will immediately advise the Bureau requesting authority should such an opportunity arise, there is no way of foreseeing whether this might be in the near or distant future. It is, therefore, recommended that the Bureau authorize Springfield to proceed with a tesur installation at this time.

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Authority for the installation of a tesur on the telephone located at Wortman's residence "The Moat" not being granted at this time. Although there is some indication that Wortman and his associates have background of criminal violence and strong-arm practices, it is not felt that this is sufficient to bring this situation within the requirement that there be a security aspect or a threat to life to justify the employment of a tesur.

You should be alert to developments and in the event conditions arise which would bring the Wortman case within the purview of the above considerations, you should promptly resubmit your request together with your recommendation.

With reference to the installation of a misur at the Wortman residence "The Moat" which was previously authorized by the Bureau, you should continue to be alert to circumstances which will present an opportunity for the necessary access to make this installation. Should such conditions arise, you should promptly advise the Bureau at that time by appropriate communication and submit your recommendations.

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NOTE

Wortman lives at "The Moat" which is accessible only over a single causeway. He remains at "The Moat" for most of each day and transacts most of his racketeering activities, including the issuance of orders by telephone.

Although it appears that a considerable amount of pertinent information as to the activities of the Wortman group could be obtained through the use of a tesur on Wortman's home telephone, it does not appear that the facts are sufficient to justify such an installation at this time.

As to the establishing of a misur at the Wortman residence, Bureau authority was granted to Springfield to make such installation on 3/6/61. In this regard Springfield pointed out that in order to establish this misur uninterrupted access to "The Moat" residence for a period of at least two days is necessary. Wortman is extremely security conscious concerning his residence at "The Moat." To date, no opportunity has been available to Springfield to secure access to "The Moat" for the necessary period. It is noted that Wortman customarily vacations each summer in Michigan and Springfield advises that opportunity for installation may arise at the time of his annual visit there.



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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AB</b>	

## REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated May 1, 1961, at Springfield.

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## LEADS

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At St. Louis, Missouri

Will continue development of information regarding WORTMAN and associates through investigation, sources and informants.

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RE OIL SERVICE TO WORTMAN RESIDENCE

Inquiry among Sinclair Bulk Dealers in the Belleville and Collinsville area determined that the Sinclair Fuel Oil Distributor covering the area in which the WORTMAN Moat Residence is located would be the Quik Heet Division of the Sinclair Refining Company, located at 6401 Collinsville Road, between East St. Louis, Illinois, and Collinsville, Illinois.

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Title: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN; present a  
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING; youth  
EDWARD WORTMAN, Jr.

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Synopsis: Information regarding present activities and information  
regarding associates set forth

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WORTMANs AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED  
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Date May 5, 1961

Observation was maintained at the FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN residence southeast of Collinsville, Illinois, April 28, 1961, by SAs [REDACTED] b7c. At 10:01 AM the following cars were present at the house:

1958 green and white Ford, two door hardtop, recognized as the Negro handyman's car;

1957 blue and white Plymouth, two door hardtop, recognized as the car of SYLVIA;

1958 or 1959 white Dodge, two door hardtop, registration and owner unknown.

At the building site, a short distance southeast of the residence, it was observed that four or more men were working on a concrete block structure which appears to be about one story high, and a 1953 green Chevrolet pickup, believed to be the property of WORTMAN, and a 1955 light gray over dark gray Oldsmobile two door hardtop, registration not observed, were parked in this area.

At 12:09 AM, a 1960 white over red Oldsmobile, two door hardtop arrived at the residence, which car resembled that of MELVIN BECKMAN. The driver of this car resembled BECKMAN and he was accompanied by one passenger, a white male who appeared to be in his 50's, of large build, and balding. Both of these individuals walked directly into the house.

At 12:46 PM the Negro male drove the 1958 green and white Ford toward the building site and returned to the residence at 12:55 PM.

At 1:00 PM the 1960 white over red Oldsmobile two door departed with the same two individuals.

At 1:46 PM the 1958 or 1959 white Dodge, two door hardtop, departed the residence; however, the occupants were not observed.

At 2:03 PM the 1957 Plymouth, blue and white, belonging to SYLVIA departed the residence and the occupants were not observed.

On 4/28/61 at Collinsville, Illinois File # SI 92-112

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/2/61



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On 5-1-61, SA [REDACTED] observed the automobile commonly driven by GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL, a 1958 black Oldsmobile two-door; also the automobile commonly driven by [REDACTED] a 1961 blue Oldsmobile; also the vehicle commonly driven by [REDACTED], a 1960 white Cadillac convertible; also car commonly driven by [REDACTED], a 1961 white Chevrolet two-door parked in the rear of Hazel's Tavern, 517 Illinois Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, which place is operated by [REDACTED]

On 5-1-61, a 1961 blue Chevrolet four-door bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] was observed by SA [REDACTED] parked on the parking lot in the rear of the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis, Illinois.

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On 5-1-61 at East St. Louis, Illinois File # SI 92-112

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5-3-61

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RE: SAM MAGIN

By communication dated 4/21/61 the Indianapolis Office advised the following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on 4/21/61:

On April 21, 1961 [REDACTED] United States Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, informed inmates are not permitted to send or receive correspondence from anyone except approved correspondents. The approved correspondents of inmate SAM GEORGE MAGIN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] if any anonymous or unsigned mail was received for the inmate, without a return address, it would immediately be destroyed. He stated the following have sent letters to the inmate and these letters were returned to the sender: <sup>b7c</sup>

[REDACTED]

He advised of the above letters, all were returned with the exception of the one from [REDACTED] which apparently was destroyed. He admitted inmates work in the mail room, and it is possible they might advise the inmate of letters received which were destroyed or returned.

MAGIN's file reflects he was committed to the U.S. Penitentiary, Terre Haute, Indiana, on February 6, 1961 to serve

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a term of three years for False Testimony before a Federal Grand Jury. It further reflects the inmate perjured himself before a Grand Jury to the effect that he testified he had never been in a business deal, partnership, or an associate in any association, partnership, or corporation with FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN or with ELMER "DUTCH" DOWLING, when in truth and in fact he had been in gambling ventures known as the Cash Sales Company, Club Ville, Empire Club, 7800 Club, R & R Club, and Junction T Club, wherein all three, MAGIN, DOWLING, and WORTMAN, were engaged in the business of operating gambling ventures.

The file on SAM GEORGE MAGIN contained no other information of value in this matter.

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On April 21, 1961, SAs [REDACTED] observed, from an observation point at Hollywood Heights Road and Highway 159, in St. Clair County, located near Collinsville, Illinois, at 3:16 PM a 1958 turquoise and white Chevrolet, white sidewall tires, bearing 1961 Missouri license [REDACTED]. The driver of this automobile appeared to be about 40 to 45 years old, a white male, having dark hair. On closer observation, it was noted this individual was [REDACTED]. It should also be noted that this license number is registered to [REDACTED]. b7C

On same day, at 3:04 PM, from same observation place a 1959 black two-door Ford, bearing 1961 Missouri license [REDACTED] was observed coming from Hollywood Heights Road and traveling in a westerly direction. The driver of this automobile was a white male, who appeared to be stocky, wearing glasses, face appeared to be rather heavy in the jaws, and appeared to be about 55 to 60 years old. This individual appeared to be [REDACTED].

It should be noted that this 1961 Missouri license is registered to [REDACTED].

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On 4-21-61 at St. Clair County, Illinois File # SI 92-112

by SAs [REDACTED] Date dictated 4-27-61

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C. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES



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Date May 10, 1961

Observation was made of the area in and around 205 Madison Street, Brooklyn (Lovejoy), Illinois. No activity was observed that would indicate that any policy operation was being run from this location.

On 5/3/61 at Brooklyn (Lovejoy), Ill. File # SI 92-112  
by SA [REDACTED] *b1c* Date dictated 5/4/61

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Date May 11, 1961

Observation was made of the address of 205 Madison Street in Brooklyn (Lovejoy), Illinois. [REDACTED] was not observed nor was any automobile observed that was believed to belong to [REDACTED] or his associates. No policy runners were observed to enter the address of 205 Madison Street, Brooklyn.

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On 5/9/61 at Brooklyn, Illinois File # SI 92-112  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/9/61

Date May 10, 1961

Observation was made of the address of 205 Madison Street in Brooklyn, Illinois. This observation did not indicate that on that day a policy drawing or operation was being held at 205 Madison Street.

On 5/8/61 at Brooklyn (Lovejoy), Illinois File # SI 92-112  
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Date May 5, 1961

On the PM of April 25, 1961, SA [REDACTED] observed the Oasis Club, 2890 Black Lane, RFD, Collinsville, Illinois, and observed a large sign posted in front of this establishment, stating "Closed Temporarily for Repairs". There could be observed at the rear door of this establishment a white male looking out through a small window in the rear of this establishment. Approximately one-half block east of the Oasis Club was observed an aluminum trailer on the southeast corner of Bernice and Shower Streets. Parked behind this trailer was a 1953 two-door Ford, cream top and light green bottom, bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] which is registered to [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] This is the known residence of GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL and HARVILL has been observed frequently in the past driving this vehicle. Also parked by this trailer was a 1961 blue 4-door Chevrolet bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] which is registered to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This Chevrolet is the same vehicle that has frequently and regularly been observed in the past at the Checker Inn at 4500 Old St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, and in the immediate past has been observed regularly at the Moat residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN. Also observed parked by this trailer was a 1958 blue Oldsmobile, bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] which is registered to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

On 4-25-61 at RFD, Collinsville, Ill. File # SI 92-112 b7C

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5-1-61

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3. BINGO OPERATIONS

On April 28, 1961, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were observed sitting in the parking lot at the of 6503 St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, in [REDACTED] 1961 Pontiac automobile. It was noted that [REDACTED] automobile was parked directly behind [REDACTED] car, and they appeared to be talking to each other. No other cars were observed in the parking lot at that address. b7c

It should be noted that the address of 6503 St. Clair Avenue was the location of a bingo game purportedly operated by these two individuals, according to the "Evening Journal" newspaper of East St. Louis, Illinois

On April 28, 1961, the Evening Journal, East St. Louis, Illinois, carried a news article entitled "Games OK, But No Buses, Ban on Bingo Is Modified". In this article, it is stated that St. Clair County Sheriff DAN RING and State's Attorney JOHN M. KARNS, Jr., had agreed on a policy-gambling operation of bingo and it bans all action in which players are transported to sites where cash prizes are offered. The article then points out that on February 27, 1961, the bingo operation at St. Clair County sponsored by the Washington Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6372 was linked with FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN associates and that the game was conducted in the Post Home in Canteen Township. The article states that RING and KARNS had on April 28, 1961, agreed that they are not opposed to games being played for quilts, cakes, or such prizes, provided such games are operated by local people and outside players are not imported by bus and other forms of transportation. Further, that both these authorities agreed that an illegal "flavor" is added with buses transport patrons from one city to another to participate in cash games. It is stated that KARNS said the latest opinion on the games will allow churches, civic organizations and other non-profit organizations to have games at their festivals, but at the same time will not allow commercialized operations.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois  
May 15, 1961

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;  
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka;  
EDWARD WORTMAN, Jr., aka  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to the report of SA [REDACTED] b7C  
dated May 15, 1961, at Springfield.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have all furnished b2  
reliable information in the past. Other informants b7D  
mentioned in this report have not furnished sufficient  
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To: Director, FBI (92-2810)

From: SAC, Springfield (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka.

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ANTI-BACKETEERING

OO: Springfield

DAILY AIRTEL

Several employees of WORTMAN gambling operations who have not been located now identified as residents of Centralia, Ill., and are known former casino gambling employees in Nevada.

- 3 - Bureau (92-2810)  
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Special Agent in Charge

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THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED  
AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY  
ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)  
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)  
RE: JUNE 0  
FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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Re Buairtel, 5-5-61.

FD-142 submitted February 21, 1961, requested authorization to install microphone coverage in connection with the Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, Illinois. Buairtel February 28, 1961, authorized Springfield to proceed with this installation. Bureau radiogram of March 29, 1961, instructed that no further action be taken pending further instructions from the Bureau. Buairtel, May 5, 1961, requests advice concerning the feasibility of proceeding with this installation.

3 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Springfield

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Approved: *red*

Special Agent in Charge

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In summary, I believe we are in this situation; that we should either be authorized to proceed immediately with the installation or the premises and attempts to install microphone coverage should be abandoned entirely. It is my recommendation that we be authorized to proceed immediately to perfect this installation. Upon completion of the installation the productivity of the same will be carefully observed. If productivity warrants it we can intensify our cover activities. Authority to proceed with this installation is requested.

GIBBONS

## ADDENDUM:

With regard to possible misur in connection with WORTMAN's residence "The Moat", since this installation is entirely dependent upon a period of uninterrupted access, no present consideration can be given to proceeding with this installation at this time. Should any apparent opportunity for access arise, the Bureau will be promptly notified and appropriate recommendations made at that time.

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Special Agent in Charge



5/16/61

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, Springfield (66-1368)

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FROM: Director, FBI (62-2810)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reurairtel 5/9/61.

Provided complete security assured, authority granted to proceed immediately with installation of sign at Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, Ill.

Advise Bureau as soon as installation completed and furnish symbol number assigned to it.

All leads arising from this coverage when established should receive immediate and continuous attention. Information developed through the source should be brought to the Bureau's attention in daily summaries being submitted concerning Wortman.

This authorization is effective for a period of 30 days after activation of source. If a further continuance is warranted, you should submit an appropriate FD-143 together with your recommendation five days prior to the expiration of the authorized period.

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NOTE Frank Leonard Wortman, currently under investigation by Springfield as a target for early prosecution, dominates racketeering in the East St. Louis, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo., areas. He lives on an island residence known as "The Moat" near East St. Louis and issues orders to his henchmen who congregate at the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis.

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Springfield was authorized 2/28/61 to proceed with installation of a misur in the space above the Paddock Lounge as a means of developing information as to the activities of the Wortman gang.

[REDACTED]

On 3/29/61 Springfield was instructed to discontinue further efforts to install a misur at the Paddock Lounge in view of the fact that Wortman and several associates were scheduled for trial in Federal District Court, East St. Louis, Ill., beginning 5/15/61, on charges of violating the Federal income tax laws.

Due to the illness of one of the defendants this trial has been deferred until October, 1961. In view of this Springfield recommends that it be authorized to go forward with the misur installation at the Paddock Lounge in order to determine the productivity of the source in developing information on the Wortman group. If the authority is granted and the productivity of the source warrants it, additional steps can be taken by Springfield to intensify its cover activities.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, AKA

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Daily Airtel

Re daily airtel 4-12-61 reflecting Ford with 1961 Indiana license  
 observed at Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis. Indianapolis  
 address above license issued to

List of all Federal gambling stamp tax and Federal coin operated  
 gambling devices stamps for Madison and St. Clair Counties, Ill.  
 being obtained.

3 - Bureau (92-2810)

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**AIRTEL TO BUREAU**

Observations today reflect policy still operating outskirts of East St. Louis at Brooklyn, Ill.

Investigation continuing to determine extent, if any, of NORTMAN controlled handbook operations. *ref*

NORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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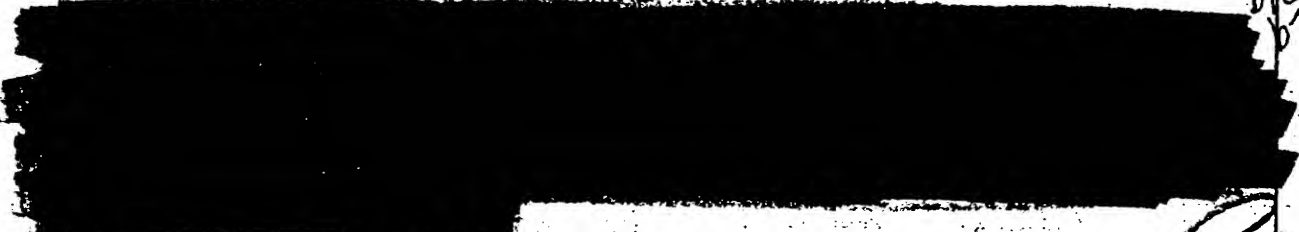
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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN,

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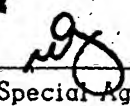
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EDWARD WORTMAN; NGTAK

Character:

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Synopsis:

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SYNOPSIS

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WORTMANS  
AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF  
PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE  
CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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ST. LOUIS DIVISION

At St. Louis, Missouri

Will continue development of information re  
WORTMAN and associates through investigation, sources and  
informants.



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SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

It is noted that all leads in the Springfield  
Division are being assigned and handled on a current basis and  
are not being set forth.

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A. PERSONAL DATA AND BACKGROUND

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B. ASSOCIATES

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Re: GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL

According to the "Belleville, Illinois, News-Democrat" dated May 15, 1961, HARVILL was charged on 5-14-61 with carrying a concealed weapon after police arrested him in a gambling raid. The newspaper indicated that officers reported they saw HARVILL drop a fully loaded automatic pistol to the floor in the back room of RAMON's Lounge, 313 North 9th Street. Police were allegedly acting on a tip that a card game was in progress. The proprietor, PHILLIP J. MOODY, was charged with gambling and with operating a tavern in violation of the Sunday closing regulations. It is to be noted that the above lounge is located in East St. Louis, Illinois. HARVILL was released on \$500 bond, May 15, 1961.

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C. ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES

1. Gambling

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Date May 15, 1961

Observation was made of the Oasis Club, located on Black Lane, near Collinsville Road, Illinois. The following automobiles were observed parked at the rear of the Oasis Club:

A 1960 Plymouth stationwagon, cream in color, bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] was occupied by two white males. This automobile left at 1:56 PM. b7c

Also observed parked near a trailer was a 1950 Pontiac bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED]

On 5-12-61 at Madison County, Ill. File # SI 92-112 b7c

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5-12-61  
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2. Policy

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Date May 15, 1961

Observation was made of the address of 205 Madison Avenue in Brooklyn, Illinois. At 1:25 PM, a man was observed to open the door which is located near the rear of the building and on the northeast side. This is the door that allegedly opens to the policy activities in this building. The individual opening the door was observed to be a Negro male, age 55-60, height 5'7"-8", build medium to slim, he stood in the doorway for a moment and appeared to be talking to another Negro male standing in the yard and immediately thereafter closed the door. The Negro male standing in the yard would be approximately 30, height 5'8"-9", 160-65, build medium, complexion very dark. Automobiles parked in the immediate vicinity of 205 Madison Street were bearing license numbers as follows:

1961 Illinois [redacted] on  
1953 Chevrolet

1961 Illinois [redacted] on  
1951 Ford, purple in color.

1961 Illinois [redacted] a  
1953 Plymouth.

Observations were made as to these automobiles at 1:37 PM. At 1:39 PM, a 1961 light blue Ford in which three white males were riding was observed parked near the address of 205 Madison in Brooklyn. This automobile was bearing 1961 Illinois license [redacted]

At 1:41 PM, a blue and white 1953 Oldsmobile bearing 1961 Illinois license [redacted] was observed to be parked in the Phillips 66 Service Station which is located on Route 3 near 205 Madison Avenue. This is the automobile which has previously been observed in the possession of [redacted]

On 5-11-61 at Brooklyn (Lovejoy), Ill. File # SI 92-112

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 5-12-61

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Date May 23, 1961

Observation was made of the address of 205 Madison Street in Brooklyn, Illinois. No runners were observed to enter the usual location of the policy operation at this address and no lookout was observed on this date. It was noted that a 1953 Oldsmobile, blue and white in color and bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] was parked at the Phillip 66 Service Station on Route #3, just across this highway from 205 Madison Street in Brooklyn. Previous investigation has determined that this car is registered to [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] has been previously observed driving this automobile.

On 5/19/61 at Brooklyn (Lovejoy), Ill. File # SI 92-112  
by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/19/61

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/24/61

Observation was made at the address of 204 rear Madison Avenue, Brooklyn, Illinois, and the surrounding area. The following automobiles and license plates were observed parked in the vicinity of this address:

A 1960 Pontiac bearing 1961 Illinois License [REDACTED]

A 1960 Chevrolet bearing 1961 Illinois License [REDACTED]

This automobile has been previously observed in this vicinity and it has been determined that the license is issued to [REDACTED]

Also observed in a parking lot across Highway 3 from 204 Madison Avenue was a blue and white 1954 Plymouth bearing 1961 Missouri License [REDACTED]. It has been determined that this license is issued to [REDACTED]

At the Phillips 66 Service Station located across Highway 3 from the police operation a 1953 Oldsmobile blue and white in color was observed to be parked in the filling station. This automobile has previously been observed being driven by [REDACTED]

At 2:40 PM [REDACTED] was observed driving this vehicle at the intersection of 8th Street and St. Clair Avenue, E. St. Louis, Illinois. He was at that time accompanied by three white males (not further identified).

On 5/23/61 at Brooklyn (Lovejoy), Ill. File # SI 92-112

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/23/61

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3. *Bingo*

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#### 4. *Bookmaking*



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The East St. Louis Evening Journal for 5-18-61 set forth an article indicating that a new trial on the previous gambling convictions of three alleged bookmakers had been set for 7-10-61 in Federal Court in East St. Louis.

The item noted that THOMAS CLANCY, DONALD KASTNER, and JAMES PRINDABLE had been sentenced and fined in Federal Court at East St. Louis in 1959 on charges of avoiding gambling taxes in the operation of the Old North Sales Company, handbook in East St. Louis. CLANCY had been sentenced to 4 years and fined \$5,000; KASTNER to 3 years and fined \$2,000, and PRINDABLE sentenced to 3 years beginning that term in August, 1959, and being paroled in January, 1961. The United States Supreme Court ordered a new trial concerning the three late in February, 1961.

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D. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

Date May 25, 1961

On May 24, 1961 a physical surveillance was maintained inside the Paddock Lounge, located at 5th and St. Louis Avenue in East St. Louis, Illinois. ELMER DOWLING, GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL were both observed in the Paddock. [REDACTED] was observed to be sitting at a table and conversing with two white males whose identities were unknown. These individuals were described as No. 1 - b7c

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	55
Height:	5'3 - 5'4"
Weight:	165 - 175 pounds
Build:	Stocky
Complexion:	Very dark
Hair:	Black

No. 2.

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	43 - 45
Height:	5'8" - 5'9"
Weight:	175 - 185 lbs.
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Dark brown
Complexion:	Medium dark

The individual who greeted and seated the customers entering the Paddock appeared to be identical with [REDACTED]

Another individual who conversed with [REDACTED] was described as follows:

Name:	[REDACTED]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'9" - 5'10"
Weight:	195 lbs.
Build:	Stocky & muscular
Complexion:	Fair

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On 5/24/61 at East St. Louis, Ill. File # SI 92-112 b7c

by SAs [REDACTED] Date dictated 5/24/61

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Hair:  
Other identifying  
data:

Bleached with gold tint

Had a named tattooed on  
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wrist and elbow.

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**E. MISCELLANEOUS**



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The Indianapolis Office advised that 1961 Indiana  
license [REDACTED] is issued to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] for a 1961 Ford, four-door sedan.

It is noted that the above vehicle was observed  
at the Paddock Lounge on 4-11-61.

The Little Rock Office advised that the following  
investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

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On 5-1-61, the newspaper morgue of the "Jonesboro Evening Sun", Jonesboro, Arkansas, was checked for an account of CLYDE SHREEVE's death. An article was located in the "Jonesboro Evening Sun" dated 11-9-60 which revealed CLYDE SHREEVE, age 68, 301 McClure Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas, died on Tuesday night at 8:35 PM in the St Bernard Hospital of injuries which police said were sustained when he was struck by a car in the 700 block of Huntington at 5:55, Tuesday afternoon. The car was driven by BOYCE BOWDEN of 1024 West Monroe, Jonesboro.

SHREEVE's survivors as listed by the newspaper were his wife, Mrs. EDITH SHREEVE of St. Louis, Mo.; four daughters, Mrs. RAYMOND CLEM, Blytheville, Arkansas; Mrs. FRANK WORTMAN, Collinsville, Illinois; Mrs. PRESTON, Minnesota, and Mrs. E. M. TALBOT, Memphis Tennessee; a son, CLYDE A. SHREEVE, Fort Hood, Texas; two brothers, EVERETTE SHREEVE, Jonesboro, Arkansas, and VICTOR SHREEVE of West Helena, Arkansas; a sister, Mrs. ED STREITZ, Wichita, Kansas, and 11 grandchildren.



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ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka;  
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Reference is made to report of SA [REDACTED]  
dated 5-29-61. b7C

It is noted that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have furnished  
reliable information in the past. [REDACTED] is in a position to  
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OO: Springfield

The WORTMAN Organization no longer maintaining house trailer which served as lookout for gambling operation at Checker Inn.

No indication policy operation running today.

Physical surveillance of Paddock Lounge, E. St. Louis, Ill., indicated GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL, ELMER DOWLING and other minor associates present today.



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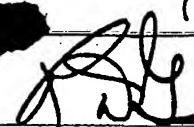
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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN,  
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ARDaily Airtel

Observation at Brooklyn, Ill., reflected that the policy was operating and a number of runners observed to enter the establishment. Automobiles used to transport a number of these runners identified.

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3 - Springfield (2 - 92-112) (1 - 92-112 Sub A)

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, AKA, ETAL  
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Date: 5/29/61

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)  
SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; Etal  
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DAILY AIRTEL

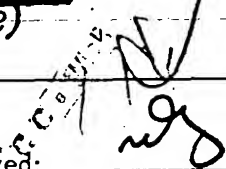
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Observation today reflects policy still in operation, Brooklyn, Illinois, and automobile of [redacted] observed at policy operation. [redacted]

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TO: SAC, Springfield (92-112)

FROM: Director, FBI (92-2810)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/29/61.

A copy of rerep dated 5/29/61 should be immediately furnished to Special Assistant Attorney General John Schauer at East St. Louis and the Bureau promptly advised when this has been done.

(4) [REDACTED] b7C [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka  
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## DAILY AIRTEL

GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL arrested East St. Louis, Illinois Police Department, 5/4/61 at 9:45 a.m. at Ramon's Lounge in East St. Louis when place raided by the police and card game was in progress; when police started searching the players, HARVILL dropped to the floor a .45 caliber Colt, SN C238523 with seven rounds in a clip and one in the chamber. On 5/27/61, HARVILL fined \$200 by East St. Louis Police Magistrate; HARVILL represented by former State's Attorney JOHN J. HOBAN, St. Clair County, and HOBAN has filed notice of appeal for HARVILL's conviction to County Court.

Also arrested with HARVILL was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and known WORTMAN associate. [REDACTED] fined on 5/27/61 for operating a gambling game and failure to observe tavern closing laws.

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SI 92-112

ELMER DOWLING and individual believed to be [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] recently convicted for WSTA, East St. Louis, observed  
visiting Negro taverns, East St. Louis, including tavern of  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED  
AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY  
ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka; et al  
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Rerep SA [REDACTED] 5-15-61.

Enclosed herewith is evaluation memorandum which  
inadvertently was omitted from referenced report.

GIBBONS

5 - Bureau (3) - 92-2810  
1 - 92-2809  
1 - 92-3752) (Encs. 5)  
2 - St. Louis (92-191 (Encs. 2)  
1 - Springfield  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

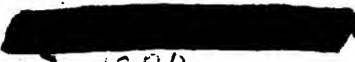
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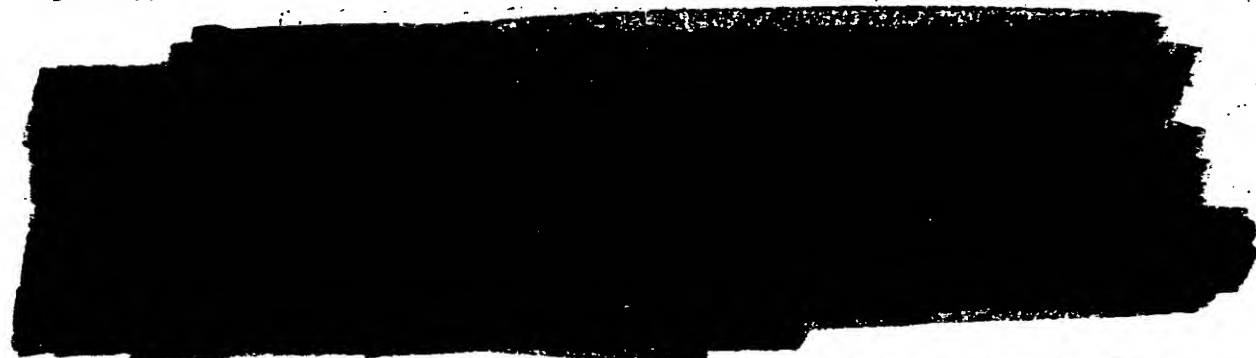
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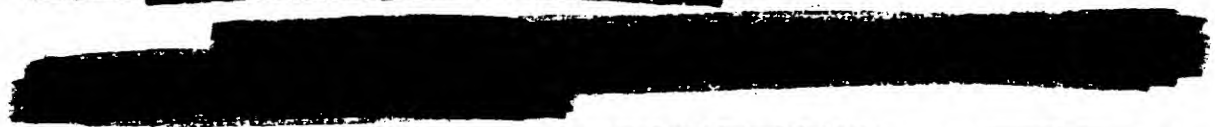
FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT:  FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;  
ET AL  
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(OO-Springfield) *b7C*

JUNE

Re Report of SA  dated 5-29-61 at  
Springfield.









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(2) - Bureau (92-2810)  
(2) - Springfield (92-112)

92-2810-193

*mailed to Springfield  
6-13-61*

*in Lab  
addressed Springfield  
has equipment sent -  
bill for recording*

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SI 92-112

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It is noted that the telephone call from WORTMAN's present address would not be of an interstate nature if made to the [REDACTED] b7C  
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The Bureau is requested to authorize the placing of a recording device on the telephone at the [REDACTED] residence and is requested to suggest equipment that, from past experience, has been used successfully in matters of this type.

If the Bureau should authorize the installation of this recording device, they are requested to ship to the Belleville RA, Springfield Division, if available, equipment that would be necessary in this installation.

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To: SAC, Springfield (92-112)

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From: Director, FBI (92-2810)-193

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
ET AL  
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Re your memo 6/2/61.

Bureau authority for installation of recording  
device on the telephone of [REDACTED] not  
being granted at this time.

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NOTE: Wortman is a top hoodlum of the East St. Louis, Illinois,  
area, who has been selected as a target for prosecution. He  
is currently under indictment in an income tax case  
scheduled for trial in October, 1961.

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NOTE:

Inasmuch as there does not appear to be a Federal violation involved in any such calls, and since it would be necessary to have an agent operate such a recording device or in lieu thereof, turn the equipment over to the [REDACTED] it is not being recommended that authority be given for the installation.

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Date: 6/2/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)  
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)  
 SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; Etal  
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 DAILY AIRTEL

Agents observed that policy racket appeared to be operating today. Vehicle believed to be that of [REDACTED] and observed at most residence, FRANK WORTMAN, today was unknown white Comet automobile. [REDACTED]

WORTMAN associates including GEORGE HARVILL, [REDACTED] observed at Cahokia Downs Racetrack last night. [REDACTED]

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)  
 SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka, Etal  
 AR  
 DAILY AIRTEL

Re daily airtel, 5/29/61.

GORDON FOSTER, recently released federal penitentiary, recently observed East St. Louis area driving believed to be 1960 Plymouth bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] registered to [REDACTED] in a 1959 Ford two door.

Also observed near WORTMAN police operation was a Chevrolet bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] registered to [REDACTED]

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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- 3 - Bureau (92-2810) (AM)
- 2 - Miami (AM)
- 2 - Louisville (AM)
- 2 - St. Louis (92-191)
- 4 - Springfield (2 - 92-112)

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(13) [REDACTED] (1 - 92-112-Sub-A)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka

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Observation of the police operation, Brooklyn, Illinois, today reflects a 1959 black Cadillac sedan bearing Missouri license [REDACTED] present and believed to be driven by [REDACTED]

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3 - Springfield (92-112)  
[REDACTED] (1 - 92-112-Sub A)

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92-2810-196  
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[Signature]

66 JUN 9 1961 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 6-6-1

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License issued to [REDACTED]

Also observed was an automobile bearing 1961 Illinois  
license [REDACTED] registered to [REDACTED]ST. LOUIS DIVISION  
At St. Louis, MissouriDetermine circumstances surrounding purchase of  
above Cadillac by [REDACTED] b7cTHE WORTMANS & DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED  
AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT  
THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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To Director, FBI (92-2810)

From SAC, Springfield (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;  
ET AL  
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OO: Springfield

DAILY AIRTEL

Re Little Rock letter to Springfield 6/1/61.

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2 - Little Rock (92-83)  
2 - Kansas City  
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SI 92-112

[REDACTED] Louisville being separately advised. It further indicates WORTMAN's connection with other hoodlums.

A 1953 Ford convertible bearing 1961 Missouri License [REDACTED] has been observed around the Paddock Lounge and tavern of [REDACTED] in East St. Louis, Ill., in the past several days and was issued out of Portageville, Mo.

Also observed around the Paddock Lounge and [REDACTED] tavern 6/6/61 was 1960 Cadillac bearing 1961 Missouri License [REDACTED] Above license not readily available through St. Louis Office. b7C b7D

Memphis advises no record located of WORTMAN's marriage to SYLVIA SHREVE at DeSoto, Miss., and Vital Statistics Bureau records being checked Jackson, Miss., for record of marriage.

ELMER DOWLING observed at Paddock Lounge 6 PM, 6/8/61 talking to person believed to be [REDACTED]

Police racket in operation today Brooklyn, Ill., and [REDACTED] observed in area.

LITTLE ROCK

ST. LOUIS

AT PORTAGEVILLE, MO.

[REDACTED] Will determine registration of 1961 Missouri License and possible connection with hoodlums and racketeers, East St. Louis. b7C

SI 92-112

KANSAS CITY

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

Will determine registration of Missouri License [REDACTED] for same reason as above.

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS  
IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka

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DAILY AIRTEL

Income tax conviction JOSEPH JANKO, well known WORTMAN associate and ex-convict, set <sup>side</sup> by U.S. Supreme Court. JANKO originally sentenced to 10 years, U.S. District Court, St. Louis, Mo., 6/5/59, and continues to be active in WORTMAN Gang.

Observation of Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, during the past several days and nights, reflects many patrons, including known hoodlums and police characters, move back and forth between Paddock Lounge and Hazel's Lounge, 517 Illinois Avenue, which is operated by [REDACTED] who is a close associate of numerous members of WORTMAN Gang.

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2 - Detroit  
2 - Pittsburgh  
2 - St. Louis (92-191)

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3 - Springfield (92-112)  
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1961 West Virginia License [redacted] displayed on  
1954 blue and white Oldsmobile, and 1961 Michigan License  
[redacted] displayed on 1960 white Cadillac observed at  
the Paddeck Lounge early morning of June 7, 1961. b7c

Re: Bureau airtel 6/2/61 regarding  
dissemination report SA [redacted]  
[redacted] 5/29/61

Department Attorney JOHN SHAUER has returned to  
Washington, D.C., but expects to be back in East St.  
Louis, intermittently and dissemination will be made  
on his return.

LEADS: PITTSBURGH DIVISION

Will determine registration of above West  
Virginia license and determine if this person has any  
known hoodlum or racketeering connections.

DETROIT DIVISION

Will conduct same investigation regarding above  
Michigan license.

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Via **AIRTEL**  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka

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Daily Airtel

Re daily airtel 6-8-61. First paragraph should read that income tax conviction, JOSEPH JANKO, wellknown WORTMAN associate and ex-convict, was set aside by US Supreme Court. *ILL*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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- 3 - Bureau (92-2810)
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AIRTEL TO BUREAU

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Observation of operations at policy  
racket location today reflected no activity.  
WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN  
VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE  
CARRIED WEAPONS IN PAST. GIBBONS

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6/9/61

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

JAMES RIDDLE MOTTA  
PARK PLAZA HOTEL  
St. Louis, Missouri  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)  
(OO:SL)

There are enclosed for St. Louis two copies of a self-explanatory memorandum dated 6/5/61, from Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, requesting investigation in captioned matter. One copy of this memorandum is enclosed for the information of Springfield.

The Criminal Division memorandum refers to the investigation captioned "FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka.; ET AL.; AR," office of origin Springfield, Bufile 92-2810, Sifile 92-112, SLfile 92-191. Specific mention is made to page 82 of the report of SA [REDACTED]

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Enclosures (2)

1 - Springfield - Enclosure (Info)

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1 - 92-2810 - Frank Leonard Wortman, aka; ET AL.; AR [REDACTED]

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DUPLICATE  
JUN 9 - 1961  
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AIRTEL TO SACs, ST. LOUIS  
SPRINGFIELD

RE: JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA  
PARK PLAZA HOTEL, St. Louis, Missouri

[REDACTED]

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AIRTEL TO:  
RE:

This case should be assigned to mature and experienced Special Agents for immediate and TOP PRIORITY attention to insure completion of all investigation and the submission of a report at the earliest possible date. Three copies of each report should be designated for the Bureau.

Your office should furnish Bureau by airtel within a week a summary of results of investigation, as well as nature of outstanding investigation. In event circumstances beyond your administrative control prevent completion of investigation and submission of final report at an early date, the Bureau should be advised by airtel. Bureau should be advised immediately by teletype of any pertinent development on the day it occurs. Leads for investigation by other offices should be set forth by expeditious means (telephone or teletype if necessary) and auxiliary offices should be instructed to follow above procedures as to submission of reports as well as keeping Bureau currently informed in this matter.

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Date:

6/13/61

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN,

Aka, ETAL

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DAILY AIRTEL

St. Louis refer Daily Airtel 6/12/61 regarding infor-

AUSA, East St. Louis, advised case of DONALD KASTNER; TOMAS CLANCY, which was set for trial July 10, 1961, is now set for disposition USDC, East St. Louis, June 15 next on a plea of guilty to a reduced charge of a misdemeanor and is anticipated they will be sentenced to one year in prison and possibly \$1,000.00 fine; that Department of Justice has agreed to this reduced charge because of certain trial problems; JAMES PRINDABLE, a co-defendant with KASTNER and CLANCY chose to start serving his sentence originally and has now completed this sentence and therefore case against him is closed.

JOHN SCHAUER, Department Attorney handling WORTMAN case, is to take leave of absence and not expected to return East St. Louis until latter part of August, 1961.

EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN observed in St. Louis today by SA [REDACTED] driving 1961 Cadillac with Illinois license registered to Plaza Amusement.

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Visual observation, 204 Rear, Madison Avenue,  
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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <u>AR</u>  <u>b7c</u>	

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Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5-29-61 at Springfield.

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LEADS: ST. LOUIS DIVISION

At St. Louis, Missouri

Will continue development of information re WORTMAN and associates through investigation, sources and informants.

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It is to be noted that leads are being handled and assigned on a current basis and are not being set forth specifically herein.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

It is to be noted that the current marriage of WORTMAN to SYLVIA SHREVE has never been verified through actual marriage records. As set forth in the interview with [REDACTED] it is alleged that they may have been married in Mississippi. Leads were set out by airtel in an effort to verify this marriage.

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;  
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EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.

## Character:

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B. Associates

Re: GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL



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The Evening Journal of East St. Louis, Illinois on May 29, 1961 carried an article reporting the conviction of HARVILL, described as a henchman of FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN.

The article further pointed out that HARVILL and two others were indicted in 1959 on a charge of murdering BOBBY GENE CARR in 1955; that the other two are LOUIS SHOULDERS, JR. and THOMAS FISS, and the trial is still pending in Madison County Circuit Court. The article pointed out that CARR's body was found in his car on a coal mine parking lot near Litchfield, Illinois, and he had been shot and stabbed. This news article further pointed out that the much arrested HARVILL recently was reported as a dealer at a WORTMAN gang dice casino in Canteen Township, St. Clair County, Illinois.



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Date May 23, 1961

Observation was made of the address, 204 Rear Madison Avenue in Brooklyn, Illinois. It was determined that a number of cars were parked in the vicinity and that two Negro males were sitting on the steps at the rear of this building and appeared to be acting in a look-out capacity. From observation, they were described as follows:

No. 1:

Age:	30 to 35
Height:	5'8" to 5'10"
Weight:	175 to 180 pounds
Build:	Stocky
Complexion:	Dark

No. 2:

Age:	About 30
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	160 to 165 pounds
Build:	Stocky
Complexion:	Very dark

A Ford automobile bearing 1961 license [redacted] was observed parked in the street in front of 204 Madison Avenue. It has been determined that these licenses are issued to [redacted]

At the Phillips 66 Service Station located across Highway 3 from 204 Madison Avenue, a 1953 blue and white Oldsmobile was observed. This Oldsmobile was parked inside the Phillips 66 Service Station. A license number was not obtained, however, from observation this automobile appears to be identical to 1953 blue and white Oldsmobile that has previously been observed at this location and has previously been driven by [redacted] b7c

Also observed at the Phillips 66 Station was a 1960 white Chevrolet, four door sedan, with 1961 Illinois [redacted] It has previously been determined that these [redacted]

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licenses are issued to [REDACTED] This automobile had previously been observed parked in front of the address of 204 Madison Avenue, Brooklyn, Illinois on April 20, 1961. b7c

Date 6/2/61

Observation was made of the address of 204 Madison Avenue, Brooklyn, Illinois, and the surrounding area. The following license numbers were obtained from automobiles parked in the immediate area of this address:

1961 Illinois License  
issued [REDACTED] b7c

1961 Illinois License  
issued [REDACTED]

Also observed parked in the rack of the Phillips 66 Station located on Route 3, Brooklyn, Illinois, was a 1953 blue and white Oldsmobile bearing 1961 Illinois License [REDACTED]. This is the same automobile that [REDACTED] as previously been observed driving. b7c

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Date 6/27/61

Observation was made of the address of 204 Madison Avenue in Brooklyn, Illinois, and the adjacent areas to this address. At 1:03 PM a 1960 white Chevrolet was observed to enter the Phillips 66 Service Station, which is across Route 3, in Brooklyn, from the above Madison Avenue address. The automobile was bearing License [REDACTED] which has been determined to be registered to [REDACTED] b7C

Three Negro females were riding in this automobile with the Negro male driver. After the automobile was parked at the Phillips 66 Station, two of the Negro females were observed to get out and walk up the nearby alley and enter the rear door of 205 Madison Avenue in Brooklyn. The third female crossed the highway and walked up Madison Avenue, and her activities could not be any longer observed. These two females were described as follows:

Number 1

Age	About 36
Height	5'4 - 5'5"
Weight	150 - 160 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Very dark
Other	Carrying a small brown sachel.

Number 2

Race	Negro
Sex	Female
Height	5'7-5'8"
Weight	160 - 170 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Medium - dark
Hair	Black,
Other	Carrying a brown bag.

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At 1:06 PM a green Chevrolet sedan, about a 1956 model with a sunviser was observed to stop at the Phillips 66 Station. This automobile was driven by a male Negro, with one female Negro as a passenger. She was observed to leave the automobile at which time it turned around the left. The Negro female thereafter walked up the alley from the Phillips 66 Service Station to the rear door of 204 Madison Avenue and entered this building. She was described as follows:

Age	26 to 28
Height	5'4 - 5'5"
Build	Medium
Complexion	Dark

Also observed in the alley to the rear of 204 Madison Avenue and in the yard alongside of this building was a male Negro who appeared to be acting as a lookout and directing the people into the building. He was described as follows:

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Age	30 - 32
Height	5'10"
Weight	195 to 200 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Other identifying data	Has a full, round face
Complexion	Dark
Dress	Wearing light tan jacket, dark pants, and a yellow hat with a red feather.



Date June 6, 1961

Observation was made of the address of 204 (rear) Madison Avenue in Brooklyn, Illinois. A number of cars were noted parked in the immediate vicinity of this address. They were as follows:

1953 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED]. This car has previously been observed in the area of the policy operation and is registered to [REDACTED]

A 1950 Chevrolet bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] issued to [REDACTED]

was observed. This automobile has previously been observed on other occasions in the vicinity of the policy operation.

Parked at the Phillip 66 Service Station across Highway 3 from 204 Madison Street in Brooklyn was a white Chevrolet bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED]. It has been previously determined that this automobile is registered to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It has been observed on numerous occasions parked either at this filling station or in the vicinity of 204 Madison in Brooklyn. b7C

An additional automobile bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] issued to [REDACTED] was observed parked on Madison Avenue near the policy operation.

Also observed at the Phillip 66 Service Station was a 1953 blue and white Oldsmobile bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED]. It has previously been determined that this automobile is registered to one [REDACTED] has been previously observed driving this automobile at Brooklyn, Illinois.

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Observation was made of the address of 204 rear Madison Avenue in Brooklyn, Illinois. It was determined that a number of cars were parked in the vicinity, and the license numbers on some of these automobiles were determined to be as follows:

1961 Illinois [redacted]  
on 1950 Chevrolet sedan,  
previously determined to be  
registered to [redacted]  
[redacted]

1961 Illinois [redacted]  
previously determined to be  
issued to [redacted]  
[redacted]

1961 Illinois [redacted]  
previously determined to be  
issued to [redacted]  
[redacted]

1961 Illinois [redacted]  
previously determined to be  
issued to [redacted]  
[redacted]

In addition two automobiles were parked across Route 3 from 204 Madison Avenue. These autos were parked in the lot of the Phillips 66 Service, one being a 1960 white Oldsmobile convertible, bearing 1961 Illinois License [redacted] It has previously been determined that this license is issued to [redacted] Also observed in the lot was a 1961 black Cadillac sedan, bearing Missouri License [redacted] It was determined that this license is issued to [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 6/5/61

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Forest Hill, St. Louis, Missouri. Two white males were observed standing by the above Cadillac conversing. From observation it appeared that one of these individuals was [REDACTED] and the other [REDACTED]. These individuals entered the Cadillac and drove to various streets in Brooklyn. They returned and parked the Cadillac at the Phillips 66 Service Station and the individual believed identical to [REDACTED] was seen to walk across Route 3 and down the alley toward the address of 204 Madison Avenue (rear). The individual believed identical to [REDACTED] was seen standing on the corner of Madison Avenue and Route 3 in Brooklyn conversing with three Negro males. The above activities started at 12:48 PM. b7C

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Date June 6, 1961

SA [redacted] made a call to the information operator for the Belleville, Illinois telephone exchange and determined that the public phone number for [redacted] His residence was listed as [redacted]

Observation of this address reflected that the name [redacted] appeared on the mail box and there was a 1960 white Oldsmobile convertible parked in the driveway bearing 1961 Illinois license [redacted] It has been determined that this license is issued to [redacted] for a 1960 Oldsmobile.

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#### D. Legitimate Enterprises

A news article appearing in the *Evening Journal*, East St. Louis, Illinois, on May 21, 1961, reflected that on the early morning of May 21, 1961, the East St. Louis, Illinois Police made a spot check of various taverns and night clubs in the East St. Louis area to determine if there were violations of the City Closing Ordinance governing night clubs and taverns. This article stated that it was determined that the Paddock Lounge, 429 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, was one of the establishments that was operating on the morning of May 21, 1961, in violation of the City Closing Ordinance. According to this article, the ordinance in East St. Louis provides that an establishment having a night club license shall be closed at 5:00 AM daily and establishment having a tavern license shall be closed at 2:00 AM. The Paddock Lounge has held a night club license in East St. Louis for years. This news article further described the Paddock Lounge as being the hangout and headquarters of FRANK LEONARD "BUSTER" WORTMAN and his associates.

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On May 31, 1961, at 3:00 p.m., ELMER DOWLING was observed leaving the Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, Illinois, accompanied by another white male, believed identical to [REDACTED]. These two individuals got into a 1961 Thunderbird bearing 1961 Illinois license 197-235, parked in the Paddock Lounge parking lot. DOWLING was driving this vehicle, and he proceeded to 426 South 15th Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, where he and the other individual entered Thomas' Barbecue at the above address, and, after several minutes, these two individuals came out of this establishment and drove away in the Thunderbird and proceeded to the Sportsman's Cafe, 1332 Broadway, where they left the Thunderbird and entered this establishment and were observed seated at a table. Within several minutes, DOWLING and individual believed to be [REDACTED] came out of this cafe and were accompanied by two Negro males, at which time they entered a 1956 Oldsmobile two door, bearing 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] at which time the four of them drove to the Sportsman's Lounge at 1420 Broadway, where the two Negro males and the two white males entered this establishment. b7c

After being at the Sportsman's Lounge for approximately twelve minutes, DOWLING and individual believed to be [REDACTED] left accompanied by one Negro male. DOWLING and the other white male then entered the 1961 Thunderbird parked across from 1332 East Broadway, East St. Louis, Illinois, with DOWLING driving. They proceeded directly to the Paddock Lounge, where DOWLING and the other white male left the Thunderbird parked in the Paddock Lounge parking area and entered the Paddock.

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;  
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka;  
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., aka;  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated June 12, 1961.

It is to be noted that [redacted] and [redacted] have  
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